

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

DEAR SIR,—I, too, like your correspondent "Shams" in your yesterday's issue of the *Telegraph*, am one of the public—the Hongkong public—and feel ashamed to think that one of the public—"Shams" for instance—had the audacity to accuse the *Telegraph* of being "in the swim" or rather asking the question, "I don't care who is in the swim—I should like to be in there myself—can't you let a poor outsider know how it is possible for him to get within the magic circle—I know that I could accommodate myself with a share in the spoils." "Shams" is just what he signs himself. What I want to know is, how large a sack would it take to hold Hongkong corruption, and how many "sacks" would it take to rejuvenate the colony. Really, Mr. Editor, I do not understand what your contributors "Globe Trotter" and "Paul Pry" mean in their paragraphs. If they have any grievances, let them come out with them. There are plenty in the colony who will stand by and see them through the mill. Hurrah for Fitz-Jones-Bull or whatever his name may be. What with the Fire Brigade review, yesterday, and the forthcoming Legislative Council (when it comes off I don't know), Tom Tom Water-works on the hill, Railway to the Peak, the Causeway Bay Ambrosio, another couple of millions of Government Bonds come shortly on the stock-exchange to add a little more fuel to the fire, the French men-of-war to do our saluting for us and to protect us and a host of other matters which require to be rubbed off the slate and a new account started is really enough, is it not Mr. Editor, to give one the veritable

HONGKONG, 14th August, 1883.

JIM JAMS.
P. S.—I really admire your just indignation at "Shams's" letter as expressed in your footnote. "May soft shells claim, give me the Jim Jams, if ever I cease to love."—J. J.

NOTES FROM JAPANESE PAPERS.

One fatal case of cholera occurred in Tokyo on the 11th inst.

The Government contemplate covering all the forts with armour plates.

A telegraphic dispatch from Tientsin announces the prevalence of cholera in that port.

It is reported that H.I.J.M.'s ship *Ringo Ken*, now in Chili, was damaged by an explosion on board.

Judge Oaki will shortly proceed to Takata to conduct the trial of the rioters in the above locality.

A special meeting of high artillery officers will be held in connection with the proposed extension of the Army.

At 5.40 p.m. on the 1st instant, a fire broke out in the penitentiary at Kossuge, Tokyo, and destroyed one ward.

It is in contemplation to hold a naval sham fight between the sailing and coast defence squadrons in Autumn.

A fatal accident to one of the railway staff occurred on the Tokyo-Yokohama railway the day before yesterday.

Mr. Consul Takahashi, and his Secretary, Mr. Naito, were received in farewell audience by His Majesty the Mikado on Tuesday last.

A son of Mr. Hara, third class officer of the Finance Department, will leave for America by today's mail steamer for a course of study.

The new Palace will be built on the old site of Honmaru, instead of at Nishimaru as previously decided. The expense is estimated at 2,500,000 yen.

Mr. Tokugawa Keki, ex-Daimyo of Owari, has received the Blue Ribbon in appreciation of his personal exertion and expenditure in connection with the emigration of the unemployed *shienko* to Hokkaido.

There is considerable pressure of business in all the government departments in consequence of the reforms in the administration which will take place after the return of H.E. Iwakura.

Mr. Saito Shuichiro, who is to go to Korea with the American Embassy, left Inchon for Japan on the 10th ultimo and arrived at Kobe on the 2nd instant. He is expected in Yokohama in a few days.

A certain American resident in Kobe proposes to erect a monument in honor of H. Kamon-no-Kami who was assassinated by Mito *ronin* for advocating the opening of Japanese ports to foreign trade.

Achikaga, in the province of Yashu, is one of the chief silk producing districts of Japan.

The production for 1879, 1880, and 1881 was 3,169,342, 2,973,660, and 2,977,133 *tas* respectively, valued at 4,311,518, 5,236,242, and 3,640,999 *yen* respectively.

Since the Tokyo-Kumagata Railway was opened, no passengers travel by the coach-runnings from Yoruoyobashi, Tokyo. The shareholders of the Omnibus Company have convened a meeting to take the necessary steps to protect themselves against a dangerous rival.

The late H.E. Iwakura rendered considerable service to the nobility. The establishment of the 13th National Bank (*Kuwanoku Ginko*), Nobles' Club, and Nippon Railway Company, is his work. The nobles intend erecting a monument to Iwakura's memory in token of their gratitude.

During the twenty-six days that the Educational Museum at Ueno was open in the month of July last, 5,810 Japanese and 34 foreigners visited it, making a total of 5,844. In the same month there were 435 visitors to the Library, and 2,883 books were borrowed; to wit, European to the works, 647; Chinese and Japanese, 2,336. Visitors to the Zoological Gardens were 12,959 in number.

The postponement of the Third National Exhibition has been necessitated by the stagnation of all domestic industries and the consequent prospect that they will not make sufficient progress within the next five years to warrant an export.

But a competitive exhibition of export staples—silk, cocoons, waxes, fabrics, porcelain, and lacquer ware—will be opened at Ueno in 1885 from the 1st of April to the 30th of June.

A letter from Pusan, Korea, dated the 23rd ultimo, says:—The Japanese residents held a religious celebration on the 23rd of July in commemoration of the death of the illustrious Japanese who were murdered on the occasion of the opening of the Soul last year. It was the most splendid festival ever given; since the port was opened to Japanese trade, a *torii* (or arch) was made of shirings. Various gifts were presented to the shrine dedicated to the murdered men and the reading of the religious ritual commenced at 2.30 p.m. after a salvo of seven guns. After the ritual was concluded, gifts were distributed among the crowd, mostly Koreans who freely participated in the celebration. At the evening there was a display of fireworks. —*Yokohama Daily Mail*.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Arcturion*, with the following passengers, will arrive from Singapore for this port on the 14th instant, at noon, and may be expected to arrive here on the 15th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Columbia*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 21st July, and may be expected here about the 16th instant.

NINGPO.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

For some days past we have enjoyed exceptionally cool and pleasant weather, but there were not wanting certain indications which to one versed in such matters unmistakably promised us a decided change shortly. Nor were our weather prophets out in their calculation, for within the last twenty-four hours we have experienced a change which is in every sense decided. At 3 p.m. yesterday the weather looked so very threatening that the C. N. Co.'s Agents thought it advisable to detain the s.s. *Tientsin*, which was to have left for Shanghai at 4 p.m., and it was very fortunate they did so, for from that hour the wind increased in violence till 2 a.m. to-day, when it blew a perfect hurricane; barometer 29.20. The tide rose full 6 or 7 feet above the ordinary high water mark, flooding the Bund and Main Street to the depth of about 3 feet, causing a great deal of damage, but to what extent cannot now be ascertained, but it must be considerable for the flooring of many of the godowns are on the level of the Bund. No reliable reports have reached us up to the present concerning the damage caused by the storm, either afloat or ashore, but we have sufficient reason to believe it to be enormous. This afternoon the tide again rose to an unusual height, but the wind moderated and the barometer rose, leaving us under the impression that we had seen the worst of the storm. In this, however, we were mistaken, for at 7 p.m. the wind veered round to the N.W. and has gradually increased. The lowest reading of the barometer was 29.07. About 5 p.m. the barometer again began to rise, and during the night the wind blew in frequent gusts, tearing away the guttering of houses and doing a great deal of damage to the roofs, etc.—Owing to the exceedingly high tides of late, the rice and cotton crops are reported to be greatly damaged. It is also reported that several godowns in the back street of the settlement, containing white sugar, have been damaged by the high tide. The loss is estimated at about \$2,000; also a good deal of goods and property damaged in the godowns near the Bridge of Boats, said to be worth \$20,000. Some of the wood and water-kong honghs have suffered, and a few house-boats owned by foreigners have been injured by the storm.

6th August.

The s.s. *Kiangtong* arrived here at 4 p.m., having on board the M.H.-ho-long and Blackbird Minstrel. She will leave again for Pootoo to-morrow morning.

The pleasure seekers on board the *Kiangtong* have some fun during their enforced stay here, and after dinner they marched about the settlement with tin pans, banjos, and concertinas, stopping at the different residences and serenading the inmates.

The Police here are unusually active. They have recently made several successful raids on gambling dens, and amongst the prisoners taken were several prominent Celestials, well known to foreigners.

Mad dogs seem to be numerous here for almost daily we hear the police have killed one and sometimes two. Two cases of hydrophobia are reported; one proved fatal.

9th August.

A lamentable accident resulting in the loss of many lives occurred here during the recent storm. A passenger boat, containing a crowd of men, women and children, was capsized, and forty of the poor unfortunates were drowned.

Yesterday the bodies of a man and a woman were found in a canal in the rear of the settlement; they are supposed to have been drowned during the late gale.

It is to be hoped that the S. S. *Kiangtong* has not made her last trip to Pootoo this season. We should very much like to see just such an other crowd of jolly excursionists put in an appearance next Sunday morning, and the following Sunday also. If they will only let us know, then we will be better prepared for them.

The cake-shop keepers are, I believe, getting a stock of cakes ready for Sunday next. They made a little fortune yesterday, for about an hour before the departure of the *Kiangtong* for Shanghai the passengers amused themselves by treating the crowd of admiring coolies on the wharf to cakes, peaches, cash, etc. Of course many had to receive their share in a rather peculiar manner, but it didn't matter to them; the chap who had to dig his cum-shaw of cake out from among the roots of his hair seemed to relish it as much as those who received it clean from the hands of the donors. Occasionally a bucket of water was given to them to wash down the cakes I suppose.

There came the cake; gracious, what a scrambling it was a bright idea though, to put them in the fire first—the coolies thought so.

A large pelican seemed to play an important part in the festivities on board; I frequently saw a gentleman shoot along the deck with one of those delicate birds in his arms.

With three times three rousing cheers to the Ningpoites, who were gathered on the wharf to see them off, they left at 4 p.m.—*Courier*.

HANKOW.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Since Saturday morning last it has been blowing a fresh gale from the North and we have experienced remarkably cold weather, the thermometer being down to 75°.

The "oldest inhabitant" cannot remember anything like this for this season of the year. The change was very sudden, and must have been trying to persons of weak constitution. The cool weather is very enjoyable, and I trust it will not prove as unhealthy as it is unreasonable.

There has been a decided improvement lately in the management of the coolies who were allowed to swarm on the side-walks of the Bund. Yesterday at the south end I counted no fewer than seven guardians of the peace exclaiming "who throughfare!" The coolies took notice, and the motley groups assembled without the boundary.

A singular occurrence took place in the native town to-day. A faithful son-in-law and his parents or friends caused to be exhibited a yellow placard on which were Chinese characters in large letters meaning "Lost, stolen or strayed, a young man aged 20—native of Canton." His photograph was pasted on the top of the placard to assist in his identification. Surely this is a new method in advertising for one's missing friends.

The river has fallen about sixteen inches, so we may now consider our well-ordered concession free from floods for some time to come. The water register is 43 ft. 3 in. with a fall of one inch daily.

Can any of your Hankow or Wuchang readers give any information as to how, when, and by what means a metal top of the "Temple of the White Stone" was taken down? It weighed about twenty weights. The Chinese version is "falls same rebel men do," but I fail to see how it was done, minus scaffolding without injury to the roof.

We hear by the *Peking* that the *W. C. de Pries* still remains ashore at the mouth of the Williams creek, with anchors run out both from bow and stern. The *Swat* is expected to reach her to-morrow (Friday) morning.—*Courier*.

ICHANG.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

31st July, 1883.
The Szechwan water is now coming down with a vengeance, our register showing a rise of eleven feet during the last few days. The thermometer has a range too high to be pleasant—95°.

Our small foreign community keep in good health, but I regret to say much sickness still prevails amongst the natives—many deaths still taking place. From Shazee we hear sad accounts of the great mortality there, the people dying after two hours' sickness, and it is reported that the carpenters are unable to cope with the increased demand for coffins.—*Courier*.

TIENSIN.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

August 1st, 1883.
Yesterday was the birthday of the Emperor of China, and all official offices were closed in honour of the day. A Chinese gunboat in harbour was dressed with flags, and at noon gave a salute of 21 guns.

Since the arrival of His Excellency Li Hung-chang there has been a continuance of wet weather. We have not had one fine bright day, but for seventeen days we have experienced rain and dampness in the extreme. This bad weather has put a stop to all outdoor games and excursions, and the Chinese say that they do not remember such a long duration of rain for a period of nearly fifteen years.

The roads between Tientsin and Peking are obstructed by water, which is quite two feet deep on the plains. The cart traffic is suspended, and travellers have to use boats.

The Water Works Company here were in a dilemma before the arrival of His Excellency Li Hung-chang; they were dubious as to whether they should get permission for the construction of their works. When the scheme was submitted to His Excellency no difficulty was experienced. He readily gave the required permission to the Company, and the works are to be commenced without delay—within a month or so.

The shares of the Company have been allotted, and the undertaking promises to be a very successful one. A piece of land for the works of the Company has been purchased adjoining the French Concession, so that the Chinese city can be easily supplied with water by the Company as well as the foreign settlement.

A meeting was held yesterday at H.B.M.'s Consulate for the purpose of starting a Public Library. The promoter is Mr. Hobson, Commissioner of Customs. The scheme met with the approbation of the community, and a committee was elected to carry it out.

The return cricket match The Consular and Customs services v. The rest of the community, is to take place as soon as the rain stops, and the ground is in order for play.

Our popular harbour-master leaves us in a short time to take up an appointment of Commissioner of Customs in Corea. I don't know at which port he is to be stationed. His departure will be deeply regretted, and in him Mr. P. G. von-Mollendorff has secured the services of a valuable assistant.

The *Haan*, of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, is detained in harbour, waiting to convey His Excellency Chang Shu-sheng to the south.—*Courier*.

Never run into debt if you can find anything else to run into.

Be honest if you can; if you can't be honest, pray for help.

Marry young, and if you make a hit keep cool and don't brag about it.

Be kind to your mother-in-law, and, if necessary, pay her board at some good hotel.

Bathe thoroughly once a week in soft water and kaseel soap and avoid the boots.

Exercise in open air, but don't saw wood until you are obliged to.

Laff every time you feel tickled, and laff once in a while anyhow.

Eat hash washing days, and be thankful, if you have to shut your eyes to do it.

Hold the baby half the time allus start the fire in the morning and put on the teakettle.

Don't jaw back—it proves that you are as big a phool as the other phool.

Never borrow what you are able to buy, and always have some things you won't lend.

Never get in a hurry; you can walk a good deal further in a day than you can run.

Don't swear; it may convince you, but it is sure not to convince others.

If you have daughters, let your wife bring them up; if she had got common sense she can beat all your theories.

Don't drink too much new cider, and however mean you may be, don't let the time pass.

Luv and respect your wife anyhow; it is a good deal cheaper than to be all the time wishing she was somehow different.

TEACHING A MEXICAN MAN BUSINESS HABITS.

An up-town Professor told the Oriental bit of script given him by a Chinese laundryman, and was without it when he went for his shirts. The Chinaman said, "Gimme tickle."

But it, said the Professor.

The Chinaman went to the rear of his den, and came back shrugging his shoulders.

He said, smiling, "Solly."

"Why are you sorry?" said the Professor.

"Me lost shirts," said the Chinaman.

The Professor got a lawyer, and returned to bulldoze the Chinaman.

"Give this man his shirts," yelled the lawyer, fiercely.

"Solly," said the Chinaman, as he rolled up a damp garment. "He lost tickle; I lost shirts."

Parleying did no good. The Professor retired without his shirts. On the next return of his wash from the same laundry the Chinese messenger gave him, in change, a trade dollar.

It proved to be as light as a feather. Going to the laundry the next day, he told the Chinaman there that his man had given him that counterfeit. The Chinaman tossed it on the counter, weighed it and smiled.

"Rader," he said.

"Your Chinaman gave it to me," said the Professor.

"Bader Chinaman. I sent him 'way yesterday," and the proprietor smiled again. The Professor concluded to try another Mongolian—*W. V. Sun*.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & Co.'s Register.)

Barometer—7 p.m. 29.94
Thermometer—7 p.m. 80.1
Thermometer—1 p.m. 82.5
Thermometer—4 p.m. (Wet bulb) 78.0

To-day.
Barometer—3 a.m. 29.94
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To-day's Advertisements.

UNION LINE.
FOR YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship
"GALLEY OF LORNE"
Captain Pomroy, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-DAY, the 14th inst., at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 14th August, 1883. [636]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
THE Company's Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Captain Wright, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th August, 1883. [638]

UNION LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"GALLEY OF LORNE,"
Captain Pomroy, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for Consignation, having first signed an average Bond, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to Yokohama unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-MORROW, the 15th inst.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognised.
RUSSELL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 13th August, 1883. [637]

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First-class Fare to Macao and Back \$2. No Second-class. Tickets to be purchased at the Company's Office.
Excursionists can have Breakfast and Dinner on board the Steamer by leaving notice at the Office addressed to the Purser "HONAM" not later than 3 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 18th instant.
By Order,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary. [639]

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THE DIRECTORS are now prepared to receive TENDERS from suitable persons for a term of FIVE YEARS, for the lease of the HONGKONG HOTEL, with FURNITURE complete.
The Building (together with a powerful passenger lift) will comprise after the proposed alterations and additions have been completed, viz—
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Two Grand Entrances from Pedder's Street and Queen's Road, Bar, Billiard, Reading and Smoking Rooms with separate Entrance from Pedder's Street.
A handsomely fitted up Ladies' Room, for the use of visitors and others.
Manager's and General Offices, Kitchens, Store Rooms, &c. &c. &c.
FIRST FLOOR.
A Public Dining Room capable of dining upwards of 170 persons at the same time.
ONE LARGE BREAKFAST ROOM.
FIVE elegant and beautifully fitted up suites of ROOMS, consisting of a Private Dining Room, DRAWING ROOM, CARD ROOM, READING ROOM, and BILLIARD ROOM.
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Have each 26 lofty, well ventilated and lighted Bed Rooms, opening on to large Verandahs with a commodious Bath Room for each room.
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The special attention of Hotel Keepers and others is drawn to the unusual advantages offered.
Tenders to state sum per annum, and to include taxes, No Tender under \$3,500 per annum will be entertained by the Directors.
Hongkong, 16th April, 1883. [292]

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [5]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.
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L. MALLORY, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1883. [501]

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